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WARNING

BOIL ORDER NOTICE

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

The _____ water system is contaminated with:

☐ Fecal Coliform ☐ E. coli bacteria

☐ Other: _____

and were found in the water system from samples collected on: _____

These bacteria can make you sick, and are a particular concern for people with weakened immune systems.

Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

- ➔ Bring all water to a boil.
- ➔ Let it boil vigorously for 2 minutes.
- ➔ Let water cool before using.
- ➔ Or use bottled water.

Pre-boiled or bottled water should be for drinking, brushing teeth, washing vegetables, washing dishes, making infant formula, all food preparation and consumption, and making or using ice until further notice. See DES fact sheet WD-DWGB-4-12 "Frequently Asked Questions About Boil Orders" for more information. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

What Happened? *Bacterial contamination can occur when increased run-off enters the drinking water source (for example, following heavy rains). It can also happen due to a break in the distribution system (pipes) or a failure in the water treatment process.*

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What Does This Mean? Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these waters can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, some of the elderly and people with severely compromised immune systems. The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

Steps We Are Taking: _____

We anticipate resolving the problem within: _____

How Long Will the Boil Order Remain in Effect? This advisory will remain in effect until additional samples no longer show the presence of the bacteria. You will be notified when the water quality problem is corrected. Until that time, the water should be boiled as described above.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For More Information Please Contact Water System: _____

EPA#: _____

Contact: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Date Distributed: _____

** Only text in italics can be changed. Bold text must remain unchanged, this language is mandatory.*